

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ROBERTS et al.) Examiner: ZHENG, Li
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For: CYTOPLASMIC GENE INHIBITION OR GENE EXPRESSION IN
TRANSFECTED PLANTS BY A TOBRAVIRAL VECTOR

RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

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April 17, 2008

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Advisory Action mailed 2/22/2008 and the Final Rejection mailed 10/18/2007, wherein the Examiner set a three-month period for reply. A Petition for a three-month extension of time to reply is attached, making this response timely filed.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 3, 6-24, 27, 32 and 36 were pending. Claims 13, 14, and 16-19 are canceled herein.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.